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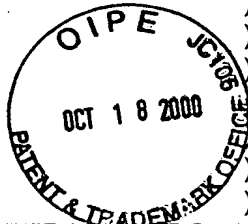
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In re Application of:
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ETHYLENE TUBE



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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

The following is in response to the office action of July 5, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1 (once amended):

1. A non-porous catheter balloon comprising porous polytetrafluoroethylene [and] provided with a non-porous coating, said balloon being collapsible to a small size and inflatable to a maximum diameter.

I. PRELIMINARY REMARKS

The present application is a continuation of parent US 6,027,779 (SN 08/247,960), which is a CIP of US 6,025,044 (SN. 08/204,708), which is a CIP of SN. 08/108,963, pending. The issued patents are referred to hereinafter as the parent patents. Claim 1 has been amended with additional language describing its balloon characteristics; basis is at page 3, lines 5-6 and page 12, line 32 to page 13, line 7. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith in regard to the issued parent patents.

II. APPLICANTS' INVENTION

The present invention relates to a catheter balloon made of porous polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) provided with a non-porous coating over the porous PTFE. The coating renders the balloon